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1. (Once Amended) A voice-responsive messaging system comprising:

a voice processing unit configured for recording a destination party identity and a destination address type, spoken by calling party, for a corresponding message;

a speech recognition unit for outputting data corresponding to identified words spoken by the calling party; and

a master control unit configured for generating a destination address query for an identified directory database in response to identification of the destination party identity and the destination address type by the speech recognition unit, wherein the master control unit, in response to receiving a destination address reply from the identified directory database, selectively initiates a transfer of the corresponding message to the destination party based on the destination address reply.

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#### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-43 and are currently pending and stand rejected. Claim 1 was amended for improved clarity. No new matter has been entered.

#### Rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for being indefinite. In response, "the message" found in line 16 has been amended to "the corresponding message" for purposes of antecedent basis.